



# Multimodal Pedestrian Safety

## STUDY FOR THE Gila River Indian Community

### **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1 Notes**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2014**

9:00 am -3:00 pm

Gila River Indian Community - Executive Ki Thai Conference Room, 291 W. Casa Blanca Rd, Sacaton

#### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

##### **Technical Advisory Committee**

Michael Lomakema, GRIC Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

Barney Bigman, GRIC Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

Seaver Fields, GRIC Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning

Sasha Pachito, GRIC Transportation

David De Jong, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation District

Coralie Cole, ADOT Communications

Tim Oliver, GRIC Department of Transportation

Doug Hansen, Pinal County

Ed Stillings, Federal Highway Administration

Pam Vega, GRIC Department of Public Works

Alice Chen, Maricopa Association of Governments

John Hauskins, Maricopa County Department of Transportation

Arzie Hogg, Tribal Council, District 1

Terrance Evans, Tribal Council District 6

Devin Redbird, Tribal Council, District 7

##### **Consultant Team:**

Mary Rodin, Kimley-Horn and Associates

Brent Crowther, Kimley-Horn and Associates

##### **MEETING PURPOSE:**

The purpose of TAC 1 was to provide an overview of the Work Plan and conduct study area tour. The agenda for the meeting was:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Role of the Technical Advisory Committee
- Work Plan Overview
- Public Involvement Plan Overview
- Next Steps
- Field Review (optional)



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### 1. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Lomakema welcomed the group and each attendee introduced themselves. He described the project background and Gila River Indian Community Department of Land Use, Planning and Zoning expectations for the study.

### 2. ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mary Rodin explained the primary role of the TAC, which is to:

- Participate at TAC meetings (4 are planned)
- Provide guidance to the project team
- Participate at public meetings
- Review and comment on project documents

### 3. WORK PLAN OVERVIEW

Mary Rodin reviewed the Draft Work Plan. Elements of the Work Plan include the study purpose and objectives, a list of Project Management Team (PMT) and TAC members, list of preliminary stakeholders, a summary of the public involvement plan, project schedule, staffing plan, and project work tasks. She asked that comments on the draft plan be provided by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### 4. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

Coralie Cole reviewed the Draft Public Involvement Plan. She asked that comments on the Plan be provided by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. NEXT STEPS

Mary said that the next steps were:

- Finalize Work Plan – February, 2014
- Working Paper 1 – Draft Existing and Future Conditions – March, 2014
- Next TAC meeting – late March, 2014



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## 6. FIELD REVIEW

An optional field review was held after the TAC meeting. Participants traveled to each district. Stops were made at key locations to review conditions and discuss project issues. An overview of comments for each District study area is summarized as follows.

### DISTRICT 1 COMMENTS

#### Toki Rd

- Homes are located on the east side of Toki Rd; west of Toki Rd is vacant. It was suggested that sidewalks are needed on one side of Toki Rd between Squawbush Rd and Blackwater School Rd.
- There is a bus stop located on the west side of Toki Rd, near Squawbush Rd.
- On the north end of Toki Rd, there is a ball field and park; it would make sense to provide a sidewalk connection to this area.

#### Firestation Rd

- Firestation Rd has a mix of land uses including homes, the Gila River Telecommunications office, and the old Fire Station. A new Fire Station is located near the intersection of Firestation Rd and Blackwater School Rd.
- It was suggested that sidewalks on one side and street lighting are needed on this road.

#### Blackwater School Rd

- Blackwater School Road was reconstructed under an ARRA project. Key land uses are the Old Service Center, which is still used for events and meetings, the Haskell Osife Antone Veterans Hall, and Blackwater School.

#### Squawbush Rd

- Squawbush Rd has a number of homes and a cemetery on the north side of the road. Squawbush Rd is also used as a route to the District Multiuse Center. The south side of Squawbush between Toki Rd and the road to the Multiuse Center is vacant.
- It was suggested that this road have sidewalks on one side and street lighting.

#### General Comments

- There were comments about bringing back mesquite trees and general corridor enhancements.
- The Little Gila River flows through the west end of the study area.

### DISTRICT 2 COMMENTS

#### Park St

- The number one road priority in a Community survey was improving Park St.
- Park Street is in the Transportation Improvement Program but it needs to be added to the Tribal Transportation Inventory.



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- The lower profile of Park St is a drainage barrier. Homes are elevated above Park St.
- The right of way of Park St is 60 to 100 feet to accommodate utilities.
- The Multipurpose Center that is under construction is planned to be opened in March, 2015.

### Mish Ki Rd

- There are walkers along Mish Ki Rd.
- There are allotted lands along Mish Ki Rd. so improvements will need to be within existing right-of-way.

### Sacaton Flats Rd

- There is the District 2 Service Center, homes, and an Elderly Center in this area on Sacaton Flats Rd
- There are drainage issues on Sacaton Flats Rd. The McClelland Wash drains in this area.

### Other

- The Olberg Rd Bridge is planned to be a future pedestrian bridge.

## **DISTRICT 3 COMMENTS**

### Casa Blanca Rd

- There are drainage culverts along the side of the road that makes it difficult to extend the road width.
- Near Sacaton Road, water originates south, and the south side pools; the culverts are blocked in this area.
- As it relates to pedestrian movement, a potential solution is to stripe a wider shoulder in this area, and reduce the travel lane width slightly.

### Sacaton Rd

- Sacaton Rd is often used as a detour route for I-10.
- There is a future bus stop planned on Sacaton Rd near the Shell Station at the Sacaton Road/Casa Blanca Rd/Pima Street intersection.

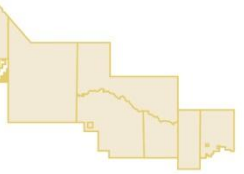
### Sacaton Rd/Casa Blanca Rd / Pima Street intersection

- There is a future bus stop planned on Sacaton Rd near the Shell Station at the Sacaton Road/Casa Blanca Rd/Pima Street intersection.
- High school students line up for the school bus on the southwest corner of the intersection.
- Parents park for pickups in the parking lot for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- There are curb cuts on only one corner of the intersection.
- Food vendors are on the northwest side of the intersection.
- The solar street lighting is not bright in this area.
- There are conflicts between walkers/drainage ditches/road shoulders.
- The team should review the signing for the four-way stop sign to determine if more advance signing was needed.
- Intersection should be considered for study.



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### Seed Farm Rd

- The bus shelter near the intersection of Cholla St is for Youth Home transportation.
- A section of sidewalk is buckled on Seed Farm Rd and this was noted in the Safe Routes to School Study that was conducted in 2009.
- At the west end of Seed Farm Rd, the sidewalks are approximately 3-3.5 feet wide. Although there are sidewalks on most of Seed Farm Rd, there is a need for crosswalks.
- School children cross back and forth on Seed Farm Rd, west of Cholla Rd.
- The crosswalk across from the Boys and Girls Club ends in a fence, which prohibits connectivity. There are 800 members of the Boys and Girls Club.
- There is room to stripe a bike lane on Seed Farm Rd.
- Seed Farm Rd is part of a future transit route. Planned transit stops are at Seed Farm Road and the Boys and Girls Club, Seed Farm Road and Palo Verde Rd, and the Hu Hu Kam Hospital.
- There are food vendors at the corner of Seed Farm Rd / Cholla St.

### Cholla Rd

- Cholla Rd, south of Seed Farm Road, has no sidewalks.

### Other

- It was suggested that the intersection of Pima St/Main St. be added to the study area because there are activity centers near the intersection include the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the District 3 Service Center, and the Wellness Center.

## **DISTRICT 4 COMMENTS**

### Stotonic Rd

- The road is rough south of the study area (south of Hilltop Rd).
- There was a residential property with equestrian uses near the intersection of Stotonic Rd and Santan Rd.
- The Elderly Complex is located north of the Santan Rd/Stotonic Rd intersection. It was suggested that the study area needs to be extended to this building.
- There is a need for a walking path on Stotonic Rd – there are homes south of the canal and a church.
- There is a ball field and park north of the District 4 Service Center.

### Santan Rd

- There are drainage issues in front of the District 4 Service Center. The water flow in that area goes in a southwesterly direction.
- There may be a potential to construct a canal path – check with the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation District.

## **DISTRICT 5 COMMENTS**

### Casa Blanca Rd

- The new Multipurpose Center will attract trips.
- There is an Elderly Center in District 5 on Orchard Rd.



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- Casa Blanca Rd is a cut – through route for traffic and there are speeding concerns.

### Wren St

- Wren Street is well lit, but has gravel paving.

### **DISTRICT 6 COMMENTS**

#### St. Johns Rd

- There are drainage issues on St. Johns Road. The homes are elevated and persons need to cross through flooded areas.
- There are residential areas west of the study area on St. Johns Rd.

#### Pecos Rd

- School children were observed walking along Pecos Rd from the Gila Crossing School. Children were observed walking north of Pecos Rd to the residential areas near Tasquith Drive.
- The Gila River Indian Community District 6 and 7 Circulator will have transit stops at the SW Ambulatory Center, the Boys and Girls Club, and at the corner of Pecos Rd and 51st Avenue. Other transit stops will be at the District 6 Service Center and on St. Johns Rd near the Head Start.
- The Boys and Girls Club operates until 8 pm, so children sometimes have to travel in the dark.
- Road shoulders need to be raised on Pecos Road to improve drainage.

#### 51<sup>st</sup> Ave

- 51st Avenue is a well-used walking route, especially by students from the Gila Crossing Community School.
- There is a need for lighting and sidewalks in this area.
- There are pedestrians traveling on 51st Avenue between the Chevron Station at 51st Avenue/Pecos Rd and the District 6 Service Center.

### **DISTRICT 7 COMMENTS**

#### Baseline Rd

- There are a lot of walkers, including handicapped persons, on Baseline Road.
- There is a one room school which serves 9-10 students and is located next to the District 7 Service Center on Baseline Road.
- When the new Multipurpose Center is completed, the current Service Center will be repurposed for other Tribal events. There are two big events: the Five Tribes Peace Treaty and the Celebration Muster. Both of these events draw lots of walkers along Baseline Road.
- A new subdivision is planned in the future (south of Baseline Road and west of the Reservation Boundary).
- There is a Valley Metro Route (Route 77) in this area. Contact Terry Collins at Valley Metro for information.
- A Community transit circulator route will travel in a loop route around Baseline Road, 83rd Avenue, Dobbins Road, and 79th Avenue.



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### 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave

- The future Multipurpose Center that is under construction will draw pedestrian trips.
- There are homes located along 83rd Avenue.

### Other

- Community transit is planned on Baseline Rd and 83rd Avenue (a loop route).
- Students in this area go to Betty Fairfax High School.
- The Elder Center used to be here, now it is in Sacaton.



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**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1**

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM

Sign-in Sheet

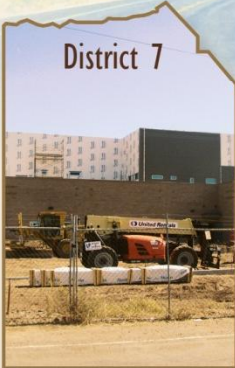
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District 7



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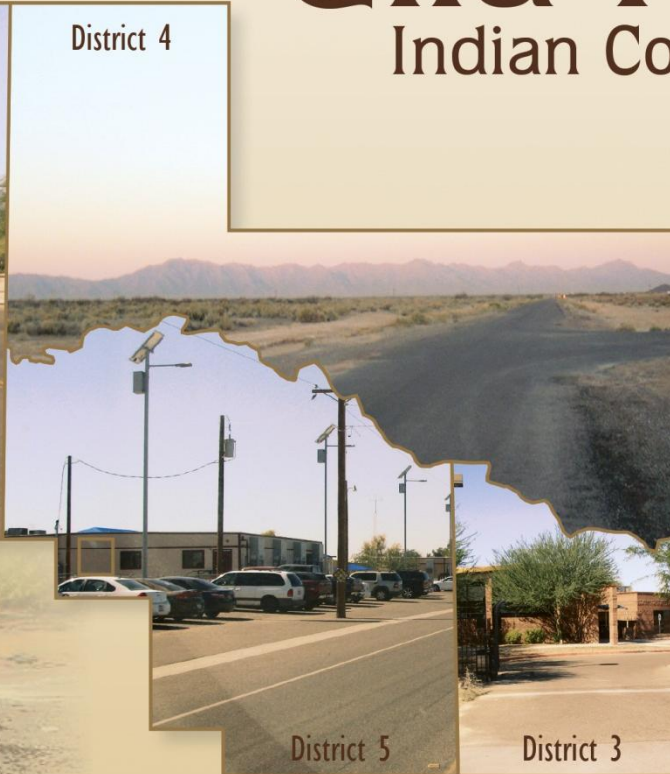


**ADOT**



District 6

District 4



District 5

District 3

**TAC Meeting 1  
January 22, 2014**

 **Kimley-Horn  
and Associates, Inc.**

District 2

District 1



**Task Assignment: MPD 008-14**



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TASK ASSIGNMENT:  
MPD 008-14

## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Role of the Technical Advisory Committee
- Work Plan Overview
- Public Involvement Plan Overview
- TAC Member Comments
- Next Steps
- Field Review (optional)



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TASK ASSIGNMENT:  
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## Project Background

- **Arizona Department of Transportation, PARA Program**
  - ▶ Application submitted by Gila River Indian Community Department of Land Use Planning and Zoning through Tribal Resolution GR-44-13
- **Tribal Expectations for the Study**
  - ▶ Improve the pedestrian environment and provide recommended improvements
  - ▶ Be consistent with and implement the Seven Districts Master Plans and Gila River Indian Community Transportation Study
  - ▶ Recommendations can be used by multiple Departments to apply for grants



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## Role of the Technical Advisory Committee

- **Primary responsibilities:**
  - ▶ Participate at TAC meetings (4 are planned)
  - ▶ Provide guidance to the project team
  - ▶ Participate at public meetings
  - ▶ Review and comment on project documents





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## Review of the Work Plan

- Refer to Draft Work Plan
- Please provide comments by February 5<sup>th</sup>



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### Draft Work Plan

*Prepared by:*



Kimley-Horn  
and Associates, Inc.

**Prepared for:**  
**Gila River Indian Community**

January 2013



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## Public Involvement Plan Overview

- Refer to Draft Public Involvement Plan
- Please provide comments  
by February 5<sup>th</sup>

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## Questions or Comments?







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## Next Steps

- Finalize Work Plan – early February
- Working Paper 1 – Existing and Future Conditions – March
- Next TAC meeting – late March

## Schedule

Work Tasks	MONTHS											
	2013	2014										
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
Refine the Work Plan	1											
Working Paper 1 — Current and Future Conditions		2										
➤ Field Review Walkabouts												
First Phase of Public Involvement and Summary Report 1				3								
Working Paper 2 — Develop Evaluation Criteria and a Plan of Improvements					4							
Second Phase of Public Involvement and Summary Report 2								5				
Draft Final Report										6		
Final Report											7	
Technical Advisory Committee Meetings		✓		✓		✓					✓	
Public Meetings (see note below)				1					2			

Note: Schedule for the public involvement activities (e.g., Public Involvement Plan, Summary Reports, and public open houses) will be determined in collaboration with ADOT Communications.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Project Work Plan                                         | 5. Draft and Final Summary Report 2 (by ADOT Communications) |
| 2. Draft and Final Working Paper 1                           | 6. Draft Final Report                                        |
| 3. Draft and Final Summary Report 1 (by ADOT Communications) | 7. Final Report                                              |
| 4. Draft and Final Working Paper 2                           |                                                              |

DELIVERABLES

